

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF BASEBALL

How the Virginia League Clubs Finished—The Times-Dispatch All-Virginia League Team—With the Big Leagues—Football Squads Getting Busy.

BY J. MILLER LEACH.
With the game over, what has been one of the most successful seasons in Richmond's baseball history. Never since the days of the old All-Virginia League has Richmond been represented by such a ball team. And never has Richmond supported a team so loyally as they have the 1908 pennant winners.

Richmond winds up the season with a percentage of .650, nearly 100, or to be exact 93 points out of 144, which occupies the ladder's second rung. For a long time it was nip and tuck between Richmond and Danville, but the crucial at bat came over the top lead and wound up the season in a Garrison finish; while Danville slumped badly toward the season's end.

Richmond's record of 123 points below Danville, and consequently 195 below the champions. Shaffer's men have been playing great ball, and the Richmond club has been a good wide-awake patronage to encourage the team. Roanoke might have finished with a percentage of .500, exactly 49 points behind the Highlanders. Since the Athletics have taken over the management of Portsmouth, the Truikers have played great ball.

It looks strange to see Norfolk and Lynchburg as pennant winners. Friday at the ladder's foot. For some time these two clubs have been having a royal race for the ladder's position, but the result at Norfolk was the lowest step of the ladder, 7 points behind the Shoemakers.

All-Virginia League Team.
With an eye not to star playing ability, but to team work, the following is given as The Times-Dispatch All-Virginia League team: First base, Reynolds; second base, Reynolds; third base, Reynolds; left field, Reynolds; center field, Reynolds; right field, Reynolds; pitcher, Reynolds; catcher, Reynolds; manager, Reynolds.

The Catchers.
Messitt has proved one of the most capable of good consistent work, the following is given as The Times-Dispatch All-Virginia League team: First base, Reynolds; second base, Reynolds; third base, Reynolds; left field, Reynolds; center field, Reynolds; right field, Reynolds; pitcher, Reynolds; catcher, Reynolds; manager, Reynolds.

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Quinn is easily the leading slab artist of the league. His record here of 100 per cent with four wins, two losses and three tied, stamps him as an exceptionally good pitcher. Furthermore, Quinn can pitch up and down the ladder, and he is a sure, safe hitter, and a fast man on the bases.

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FIRST WOMAN AEROPLANIST



Madame Therese Pelletier, a young sculptress of talent with a brilliant future and devoted to all forms of sport, has realized her long-cherished ambition to make an ascent with an aeroplane. She recently made her first flight with M. Delagrangue on the Millaire Square at Turin. In two minutes she traversed a distance of 200 metres at an elevation of seven feet. This picture was taken during this experience.

CAMP WRITES OF SPIDERS TO HAVE VALE'S PROSPECTS SLENDOR ELEVEN

Veteran Football Expert Says Experienced Men Will Be Sadly Missed on 1908 Team.

BY WALTER CAMP.
NEW HAVEN, CONN., September 20.—The advance material for the team at New Haven showed on the first day three practically veteran backs in the shape of Coy, Philbin and Murphy, and one old-line man in Goebel. Of new material reporting to Captain Burch there was for back, the line, Kipatrick, of last year's freshman team, and Burke, who had played on the second behind the line until he has acquired that experience which comes from the old. Then there appeared for the line Andrus and Hobbs, well known quantities, as well as Logan. Parks is another man who has been working in the line. In addition to these there are as general candidates Noel, Lilly, Linn, Hyde, and the freshmen, Church, Johnson and several others of more or less experience.

Biglow and Burch are throwing themselves into it with vigor, manifestly realizing that the season is especially short for working in a lot of new material and welding it together. The team will miss the experience and cleverness of Alcott and Howard Jones on the ends, for they were veterans and understood the ins and outs of attack and defense in the new game as few men on the gridiron. The loss of both at once is especially unfortunate.

Quarterback position must also be filled, but here "Tad" Jones will build up his own successor. The center position is a problem as the ends, because both Congdon and Dunbar, the first string and substitute, have gone out.

The loss of Biglow, Page and Foster at tackle, while most severe is somewhat mitigated by the fact that Biglow was back in the line, and Foster, who in Hobbs he has a good man to work over, while the same is true of Andrus, unless he is needed at guard.

Yale's last year's team was a very good one, but they are not yet ready for the job. The schedule necessitates some pretty early work, and the first part of the team on the very first part of the season. It is that is liable to make the Yale eleven extend itself or suffer some disaster.

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QUINN, BASEBALL WONDER

Stands 1,000% in Pitching, 307% Batting and 964% Fielding—That's Going Some—Bussey Also at the Top of the List.

BY JESSE D. COATS.

At the close of the Virginia State League race, George Stinson maintained the honor of premier batsman of the Richmond Champions.

Stinson, who has been playing with Messitt and Ison made material gains in their batting averages for the week. Sandherr exchanging places with Messitt, with eleven points difference between these two players. The team's batting has been consistent, particularly that of Sandherr, who has been hitting the horseshoe at 35 per cent. Sandherr leads the team in having the greatest number of hits, with Messitt second and Titman a close third.

Bussey and Cowan are the leaders in fielding, with Messitt third. In pitching, the phenomenal work of Quinn has justly placed him at the head of the Lawmakers, and the league. Bussey ranks second, with also an unbroken record.

The close of the race finds Titman as Richmond's best base runner, with Messitt second.

Manager Lipe ranks first in scoring the most runs, with Messitt a close second.

BATTING AVERAGES.
Stinson 125 26 65 .334
Quinn 125 26 65 .334
Bussey 11 2 4 .236
Sandherr 461 51 121 .261
Messitt 45 11 15 .255
Sleber 180 24 43 .233
Titman 412 43 113 .237
Ison 416 46 98 .236
Cowan 238 22 49 .236
Messitt 238 16 51 .224
Heffron 408 62 84 .206
Lipe 452 65 99 .197
Revelle 118 8 17 .144
Shaffer 81 3 18 .114
McKenzie 89 3 8 .116

FIELDING AVERAGES.
Bussey 2 8 0 1.000
Cowan 267 30 5 .987
Messitt 127 9 10 .932
Sparks 22 22 2 .982
Kanzler 1103 93 24 .981
Revelle 35 78 3 .975
McKenzie 48 49 3 .978
Sleber 85 2 2 .977
Titman 139 17 8 .985
Quinn 12 42 2 .964
Stinson 92 95 2 .962
Heffron 22 23 2 .962
Lipe 209 4 11 .951
Ison 167 246 22 .950
Sandherr 300 385 34 .946
Ison 198 36 .941

PITCHERS' RECORDS.
Quinn 14 0 0 1.000
Bussey 4 0 0 1.000
McKenzie 18 5 1 .783
Revelle 13 3 4 .591
Sparks 13 3 4 .591

SIENNA BASES.
Titman 40
Kanzler 36
Heffron 27
Lipe 24
Ison 24
Sandherr 22
Sleber 17
Cowan 14
Sparks 13
Quinn 12
Revelle 12

CRUICK'S GREAT FILLY RHODORA IS LAME
LONDON, September 20.—Rhodora, Richard Cruick's filly, which lost the Oaks through being thrown by another horse, has now disappointed her owner's high expectations of winning the Cambridge Stakes, which she was to have won at Newmarket. Rhodora has gone lame and Cruick says probably she will not run again. She was heavily backed for the Cambridge.

WEST END SUNDAY SCHOOL ATHLETICS
The association closed its first season Saturday afternoon with a double-header between Tabernacle and Calvary, respectively. As can be seen by reference to the "standing of the clubs" given below, Calvary won out in its division, taking a percentage of .553. Tabernacle, in its division, with a percentage of .750. Both teams demonstrated clearly their superiority in respective divisions, and yesterday's double-header was a battle royal. To Calvary, however, belong the honors, for it was the superior credit which establishes them as champions of the association.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
First game—Tabernacle, 4; Calvary, 2.
Second game—Calvary, 3; Tabernacle, 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.
Tabernacle 12 6 .687
West End 11 5 .687
Seventh Street 11 5 .687
Westminster 12 3 .666
Asbury 13 12 .519

SECOND DIVISION.
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.
Calvary 9 3 .750
Second Baptist 9 3 .750
Clay Street Methodist 5 5 .500
Grace Street 0 11 .000

CALIFORNIA THE MECCA.
Racing Men Expect Better Racing on Coast Than at New Orleans.
NEW YORK, September 20.—Horsemen who intend to race in California are getting their stables ready, and all indications point to fine racing, both at Los Angeles and Oakland, the coming winter. California racing is believed, will be the best racing for the winter. The most sanguine do not expect good racing, but they expect good racing, and they expect good racing.

CLINCHFIELD, THE COAL OF QUALITY
CLINCHFIELD, N. C., Sept. 20, 1908.
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17 STICK ARTISTS

Detroit Barely Won Out Over Tailenders on a Fluke.

SMITH SLABS A "NO HIT"
National League Teams All in the East and No Sunday Games Played.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Results Yesterday.
St. Louis, 2; Washington, 1 (ten innings).
Detroit, 2; New York, 1.
Chicago, 1; Philadelphia, 0.

Standing of the Clubs.
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.
Detroit 79 58 .570
Cleveland 79 69 .533
Chicago 79 61 .565
St. Louis 77 62 .554
Philadelphia 65 71 .478
Boston 65 72 .474
Washington 59 73 .446
New York 49 90 .353

Games To-Day.
Boston at Detroit.
Philadelphia at Chicago.
New York at Cleveland.
Washington at St. Louis.

Struck Out Seventeen.
ST. LOUIS, MO., September 20.—Waddell struck out seventeen batters to-day and St. Louis defeated Washington, 2 to 1, in ten innings.

Score by Innings.
R. H. E.
St. Louis 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1—2 8 1
Washington 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 3
Batteries: Summers and Schmidt; Wilson and Blair. Time, 1:45. Umpires, Sheridan and Kerlin.

Squeezed for Lead.
DETROIT, MICH., September 20.—The champions retained the lead by winning a close game from New York. Rossman's single with two on, in the sixth, practically decided it.

Score by Innings.
R. H. E.
Detroit 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 4 1
New York 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 5 1
Batteries: Summers and Schmidt; Wilson and Blair. Time, 1:45. Umpires, Hurst and Evans.

St. Louis Game.
CHICAGO, ILL., September 20.—Smith pitched a no-hit game against Philadelphia here to-day, Chicago winning, 1 to 0. Plank was also in fine form, allowing only one run in the first inning, but he was scattered.

Score by Innings.
R. H. E.
Chicago 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 4 1
Philadelphia 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 2 3
Batteries: Smith and Sullivan; Plank and Lapp. Time, 1:30. Umpires, Egan and O'Loughlin.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Results Yesterday.
No games played.

Standing of the Clubs.
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.